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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawyer et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,946,629) in view of Blanchard et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,408,191).

Regarding claim 1, Sawyer et al. discloses all the claimed invention as set fourth in the instant application, in addition Sawyer et al. discloses a cellular telephone network having short message service interaction with other networks, further Sawyer et al. discloses forwarding an SMS (Short Message Service) message in a mobile communication system having at least one MSC (18)(Mobile Switching Center) for providing communication services to a plurality of mobile terminals, and at least one MC (22)(Message Center) interconnecting with the MSC for providing an SMS (which reads on column 3 lines 13- 34), comprising the steps of: requesting transmission of an SMS message from a calling mobile terminal to the MC (which reads on column 3 lines 31- 34); transmitting the SMS message to the called mobile terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is not set (which reads on column 3 lines 35- 45); however, Sawyer et al. fails to disclose determining whether a forwarding function is set for a called mobile terminal in the MC; and transmitting the SMS message to a destination mobile terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is set.

In the same field of endeavor, Blanchard et al. discloses aarrangement for displaying message screens on a telephone terminal. Blanchard et al. further discloses the determining whether a forwarding function is set for a called mobile terminal in the MC (which reads on “A store and forward functionality also is provided in the message center” as disclosed in column 3 lines 63-67 and column 4 lines 1-6); and transmitting the SMS message to a destination mobile terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is set as disclosed in paragraph (which reads on column 4 lines 1-6).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to modify Sawyer by specifically providing for determining whether a forwarding function is set for a called mobile terminal in the MC; and transmitting the SMS message to a destination mobile terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is set as taught by Blanchard et al. for the purpose of forwarding received short messages to other devices or addresses.

Regarding claim 2, Sawyer et al. in view of Blanchard et al. discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Sawyer et al. discloses the requesting step comprises the steps of: requesting subscriber information of the called mobile terminal from an HLR (Home Location Register); searching for the subscriber information of the called mobile terminal in the HLR; and transmitting from the HLR to the MC the subscriber information of the destination terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is set for the called mobile terminal (which reads on column 3 lines 26- 45).

Regarding claim 3, Sawyer et al. discloses everything claimed, as applied above (see claim 1) additionally, Sawyer et al. discloses forwarding an SMS (Short Message Service) message in a mobile communication system having at least one MSC (Mobile Switching Center) for providing communication services to a plurality of mobile terminals, and at least one MC (Message Center) interconnecting with the MSC for providing an SMS, comprising the steps of: requesting transmission of an SMS message from a calling mobile terminal to a called MC via a calling MSC (which reads on column 3 lines 31- 34); checking the subscriber information of a called mobile terminal in the called MC and requesting transmission of the SMS message from the MC (which reads on column 5 lines 1- 10); searching for the subscriber information of the called mobile terminal (which reads on column 3 lines 47- 56); requesting transmission of the SMS message from the called MC to a destination MC (which reads on column 4 lines 3- 10); and checking the subscriber information of a destination mobile terminal in the destination MC and transmitting the SMS message from the destination MC to the destination mobile terminal (which reads on column 5 lines 1- 10), however, Sawyer et al. fails to disclose determining whether a forwarding function is set for a called mobile terminal in the MC; and transmitting the SMS message to a destination mobile terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is set.

In the same field of endeavor, Blanchard et al. discloses arrangement for displaying message screens on a telephone terminal. Blanchard et al. further discloses the determining whether a forwarding function is set for a called mobile terminal in the MC (which reads on “A store and forward functionality also is provided in the message center” as disclosed in column 3 lines 63-

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67 and column 4 lines 1-6); and transmitting the SMS message to a destination mobile terminal if it is determined that the forwarding function is set as disclosed in paragraph (which reads on column 4 lines 1-6).

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 4 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 1/31/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicants arguments concerning the Blachard et al. reference that the prior art only disclosing 2 entities a caller and the called terminal. The examiner only used Blachard to disclose the use of a forwarding function being set, the examiner contends that the Sawyer reference discloses the destination mobile as disclosed column 2 lines 20-25.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

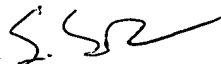
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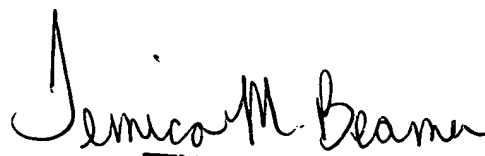
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-7847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

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